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BRENDAN F. HOULIHAN
COMMISSIONER

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Dear President Abruscato,

I wanted to inform you that Wheeling Township is now open for appeals at the Cook County Board of Review, and will close on May 28th. The Cook County Board of Review is the second level of appeals in appealing your property taxes. It is a complimentary service for Cook County residents. Reductions can be made in your property taxes based on proper evidence of property in your area. If you believe you have an unfair tax assessment, our office is here to help.

Appeals can be made at no cost to the taxpayer. An appeal can be argued if the taxpayer believes their home's market value is overvalued, or on what is called "lack of uniformity". In a case of lack of uniformity, comparable homes within the same property classification, same neighborhood code, and similar square footage should be submitted. This information is available either on your tax bill, or via the internet.

The Board of Review's website, www.cookcountyboardofreview.com, provides an extensive overview of the duties and responsibilities the Board of Review has to taxpayers. Here you can begin your search on evaluating whether or not your property has been over assessed. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions you may have at (312) 603-3644. We also provide an extensive outreach program to explain the process of appealing your property tax assessment. We would be happy to attend one of your village meetings, or schedule a seminar for your residents on how to appeal should you feel this is something that could benefit your constituents, please contact Phil Utterback at (312) 603-3651 to setup an outreach.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Brendan Houlihan



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